

Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Genitourinary Malignancies

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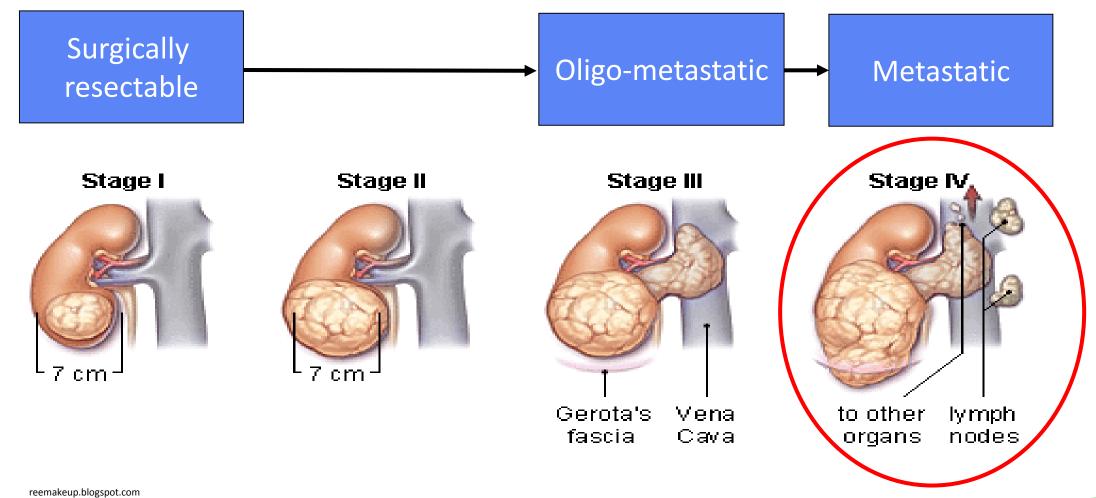








Immunotherapy for Metastatic Kidney Cancer (Renal Cell Carcinoma; RCC)



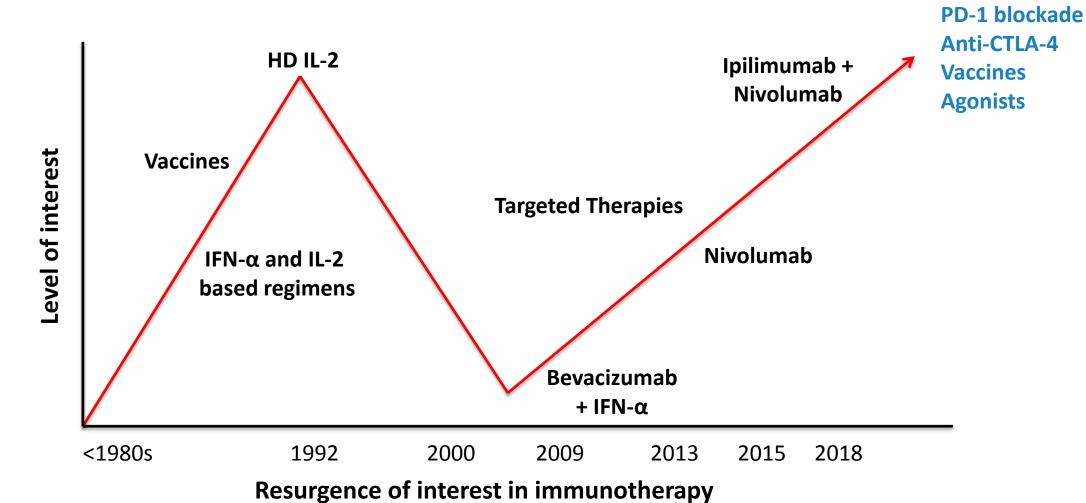








History of Immunotherapy in mRCC











FDA-approved Immunotherapies for mRCC

Drug	Approved	Indication	Dose
High dose Interluekin-2	1992	Metastatic RCC	600,000 International Units/kg (0.037 mg/kg) IV q8hr infused over 15 minutes for a maximum 14 doses, THEN 9 days of rest, followed by a maximum of 14 more doses (1 course)*
Interferon-a (with bevacizumab)	2009	Clear cell RCC***	9 MIU s.c. three times a week
Nivolumab	2015	Clear cell RCC Refractory to prior VEGF Targeted therapy	3mg/kg 240mg IV q 2 week or 480mg IV q 4 wks
Nivolumab +ipilimumab	2018	Clear cell RCC, treatement naïve	3mg/kg nivo plus 1mg/kg ipi q3 wks x 4 doses then nivo maintenance at flat dosing

^{*}Retreatment: Evaluate after 4 weeks, advisable only if tumor shrinkage and no retreatment contraindications (see package insert for details)



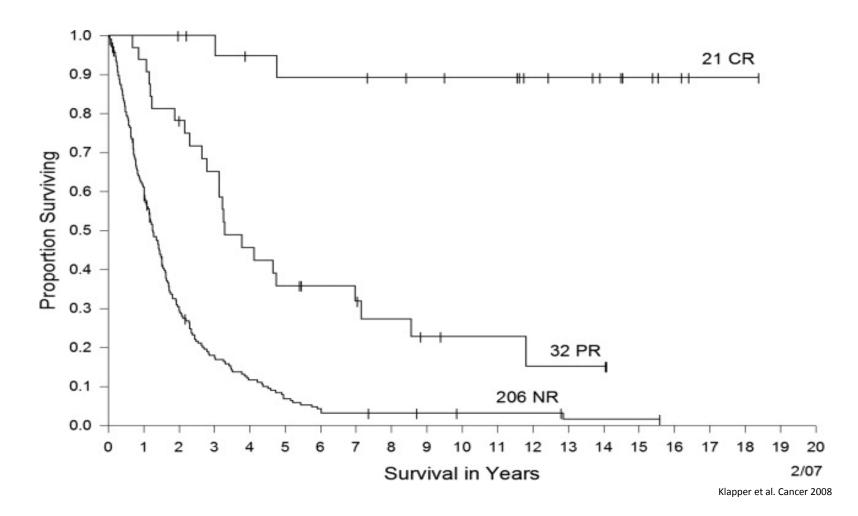






High Dose IL-2 in mRCC

- 20 year analysis of 259 patients
- ORR = 20%
 - 9% CR (n = 23)
 - 12% PR (n = 30)
- Median duration of response = 15.5 months
- Median OS = 19 months





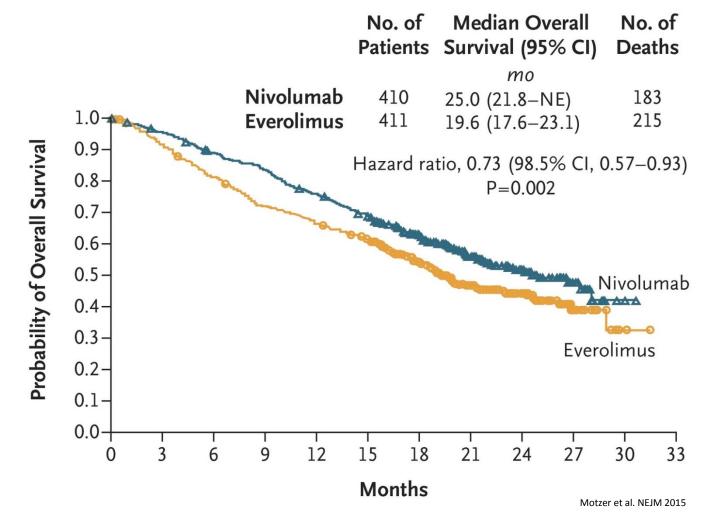






Second-Line Nivolumab in mRCC

- CheckMate 025 Phase III trial
- Nivolumab = anti-PD-1 antibody
- Metastatic, clear-cell disease
- One or two previous antiangiogenic treatments
- Nivolumab (3 mg/kg IV Q2W) vs everolimus (10 mg daily)







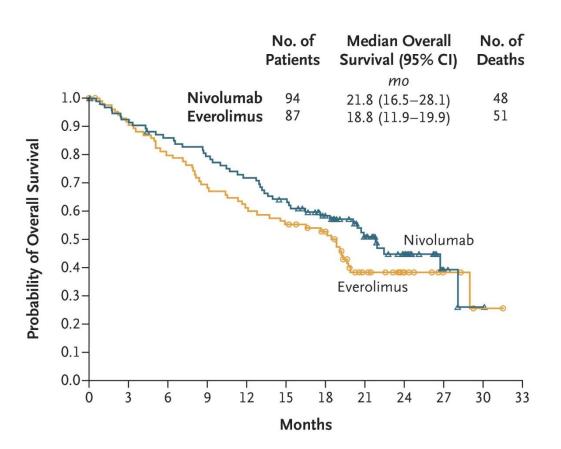




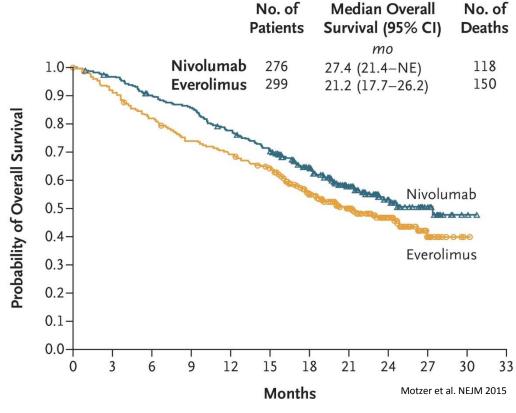
Second-Line Nivolumab in mRCC

PD-L1 subgroups

PD-L1 ≥ 1%



PD-L1 < 1%











First-line Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in mRCC

Patients

- Treatment-naïve
 advanced or
 metastatic clear-cell
 RCC
- Measurable disease
- KPS ≥70%
- Tumor tissue available for PD-L1 testing

Randomize 1:1

Stratified by

- IMDC prognostic score (0 vs 1–2 vs 3–6)
- Region (US vs Canada/Europe vs Rest of World)

Treatment

Arm A

3 mg/kg nivolumab IV + 1 mg/kg ipilimumab IV Q3W for four doses, then 3 mg/kg nivolumab IV Q2W

Arm B
50 mg sunitinib orally once
daily for 4 weeks
(6-week cycles)

Escudier et al. ESMO 2017

Treatment until progression or unacceptable toxicity

Nivolumab = anti-PD-1 antibody

Ipilimumab = anti-CTLA-4 antibody

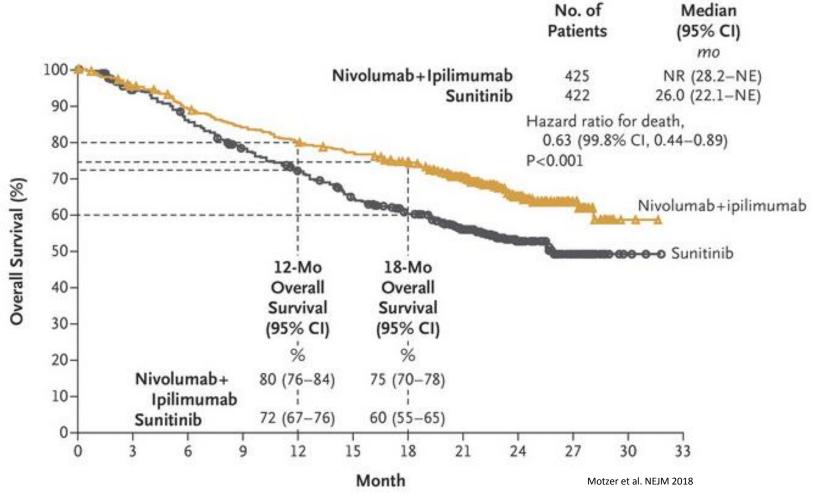








First-line Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in mRCC





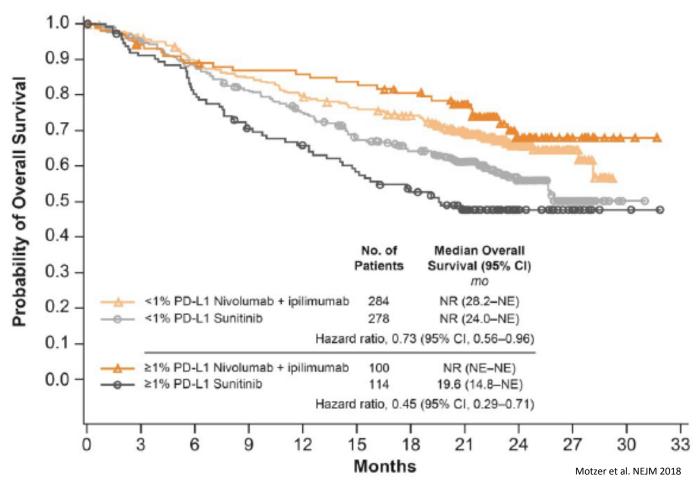






First-line Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in mRCC

PD-L1 Subgroups



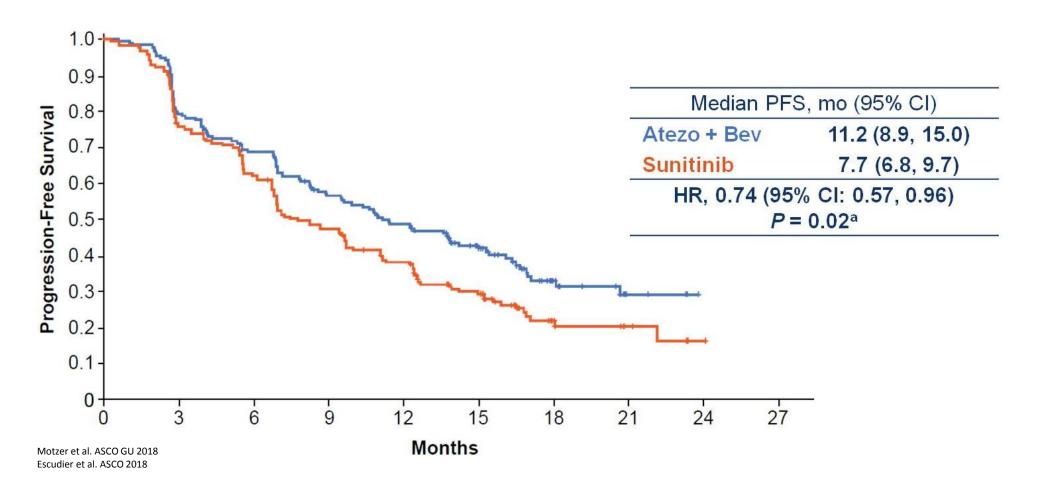








In Development: First-line Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab in PD-L1+ mRCC





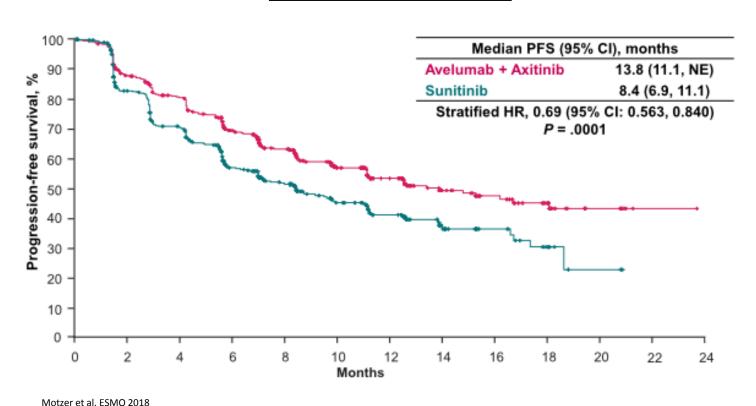






In Development: First-line Checkpoint Inhibitors + Axitinib in mRCC

JAVELIN Renal 101



- KEYNOTE-426
 - Pembrolizumab + axitinib in mRCC
 - Positive for OS and PFS (10/18/2018)

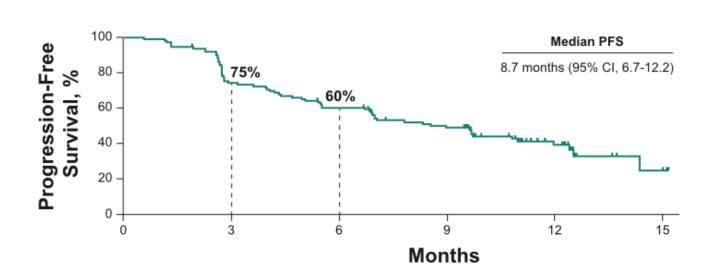








In Development: First-line Pembrolizumab in mRCC KEYNOTE - 427



	N = 110
Confirmed ORR, % (95% CI)	38 (29 – 48)
Confirmed BOR, n (%)	
CR	3 (3)
PR	39 (35)
SD	35 (32)
PD	31 (28)
No assessment	2 (2)

Donskov et al. ESMO 2018

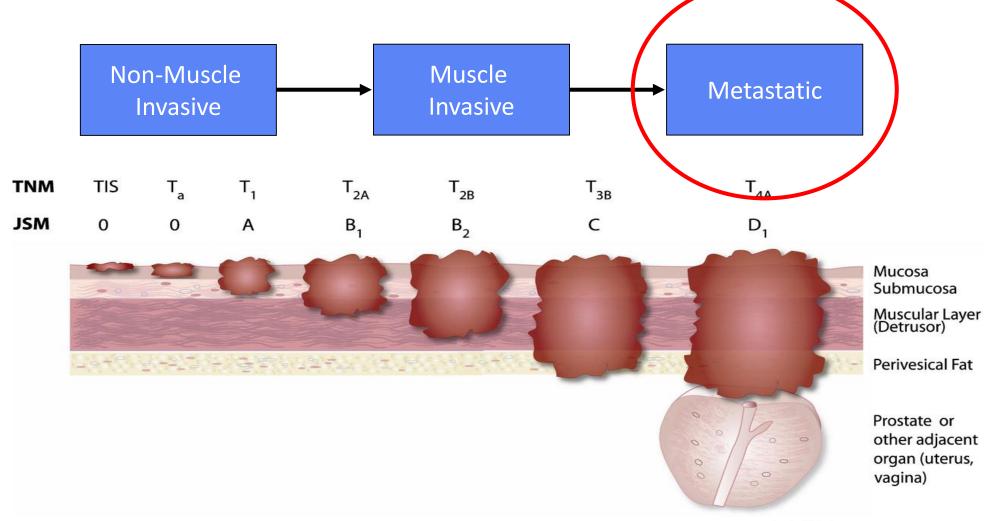








Immunotherapy for Metastatic Bladder Cancer (Urothelial Carcinoma; UC)











Approved Checkpoint Inhibitors for mUC Cisplatin Refractory

Drug/Trial name	Phase	No. of patients	ORR	PFS	os	Duration of response	Grade 3/4 AE (treatment related deaths)	Maximal duration of treatment
CISPLATIN REFRA	ACTORY							
Atezolizumab IMvigor210 cohort 2	II	310	16% (6% CR)	2.1 mo	7.9 mo (1yr 29%)	22.1 mo	18% (0 deaths)	NR
Atezolizumab IMvigor211	III	931	13%	NR	8.6 mo	21.7 mo	20%	NR
Pembrolizumab KEYNOTE-045	III	542	21%	2.1 mo	10.3 mo	NR	14% (4 deaths)	2 years
Nivolumab CheckMate275	II	265	19.6% (2% CR)	2 mo	8.7 mo	NR	18% (3 deaths)	NR
Avelumab JAVELIN	lb	242	17% (6% CR)	6.6 weeks	6.5 mo	NR	10% (1 death)	NR
Durvalumab	1/11	191	17.8% (4% CR)	1.5 mo	18.2 mo	NR	7% (2 deaths)	1 year

Anti-PD-L1 Antibodies

- 1) Atezolizumab
- 2) Avelumab
- 3) Durvalumab

Anti-PD-1 Antibodies

- 1) Nivolumab
- 2) Pembrolizumab

In development: Combinations

- 1) IO + IO
- 2) IO + Chemotherapy









Approved Checkpoint Inhibitors for mUC Cisplatin Ineligible

CISPLATIN INELIGIBLE								
Atezolizumab	II	119	23%	2.7	15.9	NR	16% (1 death)	NR
IMvigor210			(9%	mo	mo,			
cohort 1			CR)		1yr			
					57%			
Pembrolizumab	Ш	370	29%	6mo	6	NR	19% (1 death)	2 years
KEYNOTE-052			(7%	30%	mo			
			CR)		67%			

Anti-PD-L1 Antibodies

- 1) Atezolizumab
 - PD-L1 stained tumorinfiltrating immune cells [IC] covering ≥5% of the tumor area

Anti-PD-1 Antibodies

- 1) Pembrolizumab
 - PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10

In development: Combinations

- 1) IO + IO
- 2) IO + Chemotherapy



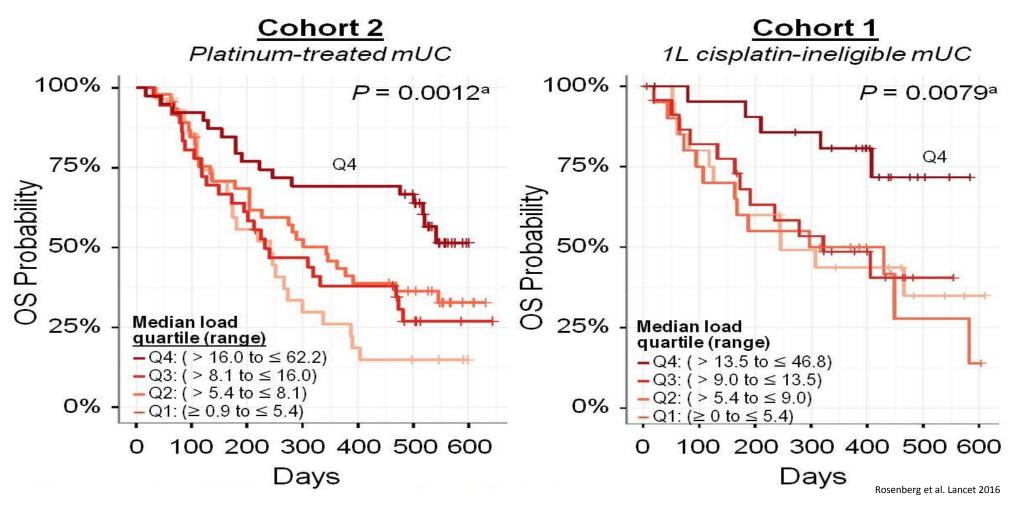






Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB) May Signal Responses with PD-1 Blockade

Atezolizumab in mUC



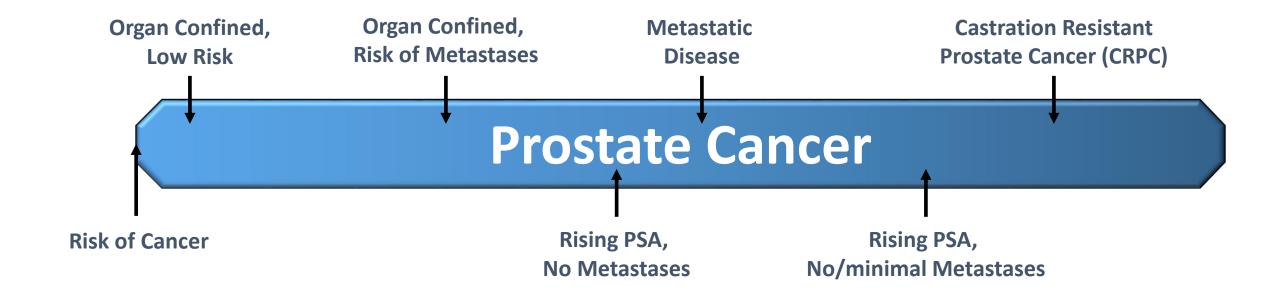








The Spectrum of Prostate Cancer





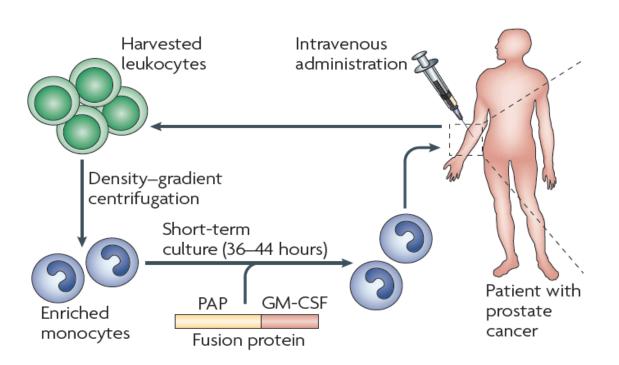


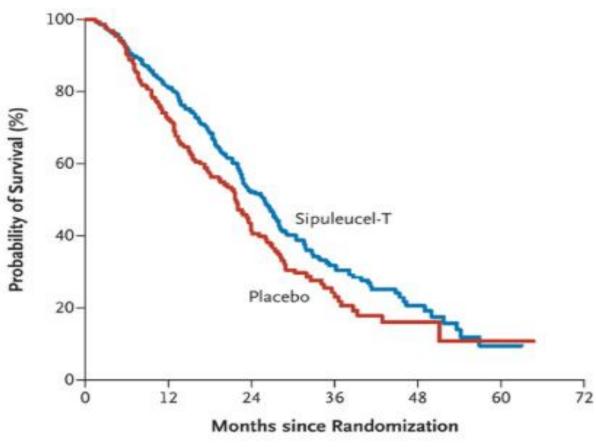




Sipuleucel-T in mCRPC

- First anticancer therapeutic vaccine





Kantoff et al. NEJM 2010









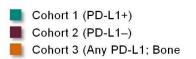
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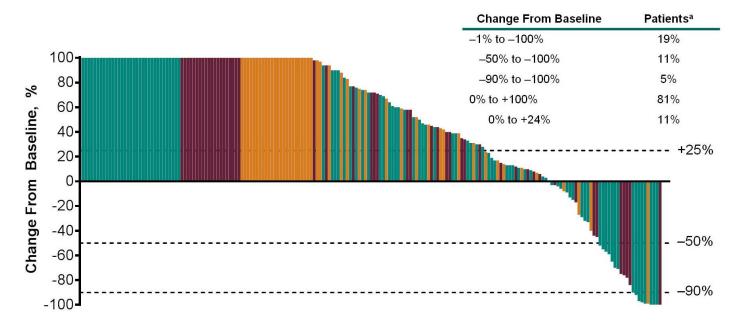


Limited efficacy of Checkpoint Inhibitors in mCRPC

No FDA-approved CIs for mCRPC

Ex. – KEYNOTE-199 (Pembrolizumab)





- Pembrolizumab is approved for all Microsatellite Instability-High (MSI-H) solid tumors
- MSI-H incidence is low in PC
 - Localized PC ~2%
 - Autopsy series of mCRPC ~12%
- MSI testing may offer pembrolizumab as an option





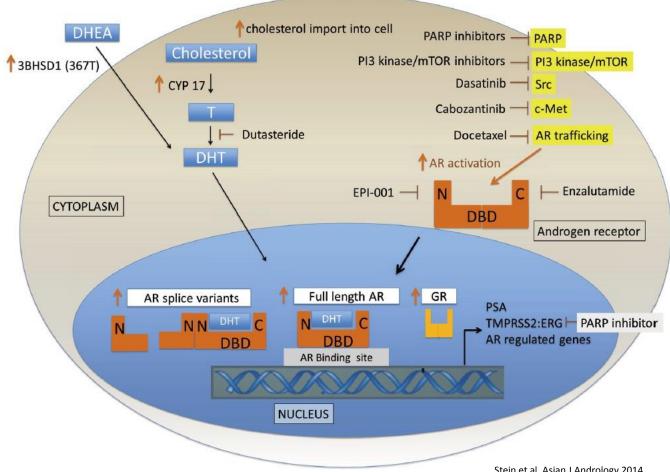


DeBono et al. ASCO 2018



Future Combinations in mCRPC to Engage Immune System

- Hormonal therapy
- Radiation
- Radium-223
- PARP inhibitors
- Chemotherapy
- New targets



Stein et al. Asian J Andrology 2014









irAEs with Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors in GU Cancers

Meta-analysis of 8 studies

- Similar incidence overall

Adverse event	Incidence, any grade (GU only trials) (%)	Incidence, grades 3– 5 (GU only trials) (%)	Incidence any grade (non-GU clinical trials) (%)	Incidence, grades 3– 5 (non-GU clinical trials) (%)
Hypothyroid/ thyroiditis	0.8–9	0–0.6	3.9–12	0-0.1
Diabetes/DKA	0–1.5	0-0.7	0.8-0.8	0.4-0.7
LFT changes/ hepatitis	1.5–5.4	1–3.8	0.3–3.4	0.3–2.7
Pneumonitis	2–4.4	0–2	1.8-3.5	0.25-1.9
Encephalitis	NR	NR	0.2-0.8	0.0-0.2
Colitis/diarrhea	1–10	1–10	2.4–4.1	1.0-2.5
Hypophysitis	0–0.5	0-0.2	0.2-0.9	0.2-0.4
Renal Dysfunction/ nephritis	0.3-1.6	0–1.6	0.3–4.9	0.0-0.5
Myositis	0.8–5	0-0.8	NR	NR

Maughan et al. Front Oncol 2017









Immune-related Adverse Events

Table 2 General guidance for corticosteroid management of immune-related adverse events

Grade of immune-related AE (CTCAE/equivalent)	Corticosteroid management	Additional notes
1	Corticosteroids not usually indicated	Continue immunotherapy
2	 If indicated, start oral prednisone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day if patient can take oral medication. If IV required, start methylprednisolone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day IV If no improvement in 2–3 days, increase corticosteroid dose to 2 mg/kg/day Once improved to ≤grade 1 AE, start 4–6 week steroid taper 	 Hold immunotherapy during corticosteroid use Continue immunotherapy once resolved to ≤grade 1 and off corticosteroids Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis
3	 Start prednisone 1-2 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone) If no improvement in 2–3 days, add additional/alternative immune suppressant Once improved to ≤ grade 1, start 4–6-week steroid taper Provide supportive treatment as needed 	 Hold immunotherapy; if symptoms do not improve in 4–6 weeks, discontinue immunotherapy Consider intravenous corticosteroids Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis Add PCP prophylaxis if more than 3 weeks of immunosuppression expected (>30 mg prednisone or equivalent/day)
4	 Start prednisone 1-2 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone) If no improvement in 2–3 days, add additional/alternative immune suppressant, e.g., infliximab Provide supportive care as needed 	 Discontinue immunotherapy Continue intravenous corticosteroids Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis Add PCP prophylaxis if more than 3 weeks of immunosuppression expected (>30 mg prednisone or equivalent/day)
		or equivalent/day) Puzanov Journal for ImmunoTherany of Cance

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Additional Resources

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Case Study 1: Metastatic Kidney Cancer

You are seeing a 65 year old woman with kidney cancer that was resected 3 years ago but has now recurred in the lungs and liver. She was initially treated with sunitinib but progressed after 9 months. What would immunotherapy option is most proven to treat her disease in the post VEGF targeted therapy setting?

- A. Interferon-alfa
- B. Thalidomide
- C. Nivolumab
- D. Atezolizumab









Case Study 2: Bladder Cancer

You are seeing a 60 y/o man who was diagnosed with superficial bladder cancer 5 years ago. After several courses of resection and intravesical BCG therapy, he developed muscle-invasive disease 2 years ago and underwent radical cystoprostatectomy. He then did well until 4 months ago when he was found to have lung and liver metastases. He started treatment with gemcitabine and cisplatin chemotherapy, but unfortunately had progressive disease after 3 cycles of therapy. What is the best immunotherapy treatment option for him?

- A. IL-2
- B. Atezolizumab
- C. Pembrolizumab





